

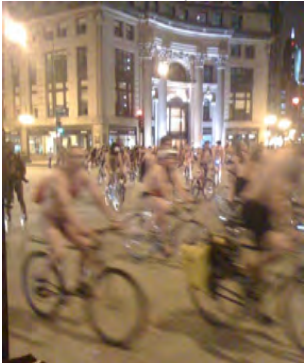
# The Jaffes

December 2010

Happy Holidays!

Rory and I just returned from Florida, so I'm a bit behind getting my cards/newsletters sent. Rory had a meeting in Orlando and we stayed at a Disney resort nearby EPCOT/Disneyworld. It was the first time I've been there in about 20 years. It was fun but very cold and surprisingly crowded. We enjoyed seeing EPCOT again. Later, I went to Disneyworld and Hollywood Studios on my own, rode a few rides, but mostly did lots of shopping — in part trying to stay inside and warm up!

It's been a busy travel year for Rory. I've been fortunate to tag along with him to several of his destinations — Maryland, Washington DC, Dallas, Las Vegas, Chicago (we laughed at the nude bicyclists as well as the museum lions wearing their hockey helmets celebrating Chicago's championship), and of course, Orlando. He's made additional solo trips east as well as all over California. We've also traveled to visit family in southern California and the Midwest, so we've been 'on the go' a lot.



In late October, we took a genuine, non-work related vacation to eastern Canada — Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. What a fantastic time we had — beautiful country, great people, and delicious seafood. No crowds either and the fall colors were incredible. We stayed at some lovely B&B's. Rory thoroughly

enjoyed shooting pictures of the beautiful small inlet coves as we drove all over the periphery of Nova Scotia. We loved the countryside of PEI and toured the charming *Anne of Green Gables* house that served as the inspiration for Lucy Maud Montgomery when she wrote her books. We also got a huge kick out of how much the Canadians love Halloween! We traveled way out in the middle of nowhere to many small hamlets that were festively decorated with pumpkins, witches and goblins. We always thought of Halloween as strictly an American holiday but not so anymore!



In Halifax, sadly, we visited the various cemeteries where many of the Titanic victims were buried. The city was deeply involved in the recovery efforts since Halifax was the nearest major port. It was a very poignant experience.



The reality of that horrible event hit home reading about the many ordinary heroes who died when the Titanic sank. We also visited the Halifax Maritime Museum, which has artifacts from Titanic (as well as other shipwrecks) on display. Halifax also suffered a terrible explosion only a few years after the Titanic sank, and many of those victims were also buried in the same cemeteries. Although historically interesting, it was again so sad — especially seeing the graves of children. It was similarly surreal when Rory and

I traveled to Dallas earlier this year. We had some free time and visited Dealey Plaza as well as the former Texas School Book Depository building. It is now a small museum. What a strange feeling to walk around the infamous grassy knoll and plaza as well as inside the building where Oswald hid. The images of that terrible day are so ingrained in my memories as a child.

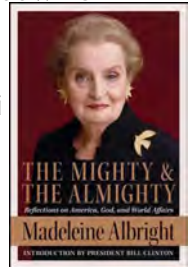
Our kids are both doing well. Cody however, had a bad accident earlier this year and suffered some serious injuries to his mouth and teeth. It was a highly stressful experience but thankfully he has recuperated well. He's a very

brave young man. He's doing well in school but has done lots of soul-searching thinking about his major/classes and even whether CU is the best school for him. We know he's learned a lot about himself despite all the stress he has felt. Rory and I feel he has grown and matured considerably. We've reassured him that this is a normal process but we also realize that kids these days have a lot more challenges than we had at their age. It's not an easy time to be a young adult.

Jill is also very busy in her second year of law school at Berkeley. After a highly intensive on-campus interview/job search process, she finally got a job offer at a firm in San Francisco!! She will be working primarily in environmental law so it is perfect for her with her work experience and background. She really likes the people there and it's an easy commute from where she lives. She'll be doing a paid internship next summer and if all works out, will be hired after finishing her third and final year of school (and passing the bar!) We're very happy for her.

Rory continues to work very hard organizing CHPSO, getting it up and running. He's done an amazing job for a total workforce of one. Thankfully, he finally got funding for additional personnel and will be hiring as soon as possible in 2011. We're so proud of his hard work, diligence and enormous efforts.

I've been volunteering at several local organizations. I have several friends at the gym where I work out which motivates me to go regularly. I recently started taking early morning walks with the Sierra Club. I also enjoy walking with a close friend in town. I love my book club friends and meetings. We've gone together see several different speakers including a recent talk by Madeleine Albright at the Mondavi Center. She was very engaging and articulate.



Our family wishes you all a wonderful, happy, and healthy holiday and 2011!

*Beth, Rory, Jill and Cody*

P.S.:

A few days ago, while rushing around, I slipped and broke my left wrist. I can't believe I did this again — I broke my right wrist about ten years ago. Rory's been great. As a right-handed person, breaking my left wrist will be slightly less inconvenient.☺ Stay healthy and no broken bones in 2011!

